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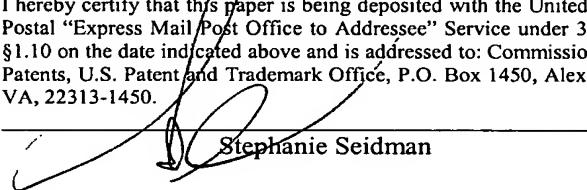
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	I	Copy of European Examination Report, issued August 2, 2005, in connection with European Patent Application No. 03748392.2
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In the European Examination Report, issued August 2, 2005 (Document I), five documents are cited: 1) US 5,223,409, 2) WO 01/61344, 3) Manetti et al., "Design and realization of a tailor-made enzyme to modify the molecular recognition of 2-arylpropionic esters by *Candida rugosa* lipase," *Biochem. Biophys. Acta.* 1543(1):146-158 (2000), 4) Lewerenz et al., "Shared receptor components but distinct complexes for alpha and beta interferons," *J. Mol. Biol.* 282(3):585-599 (1998), and 5) WO 03/023032. Documents 1-5 are made of record in the instant application in Information Disclosure Statements, supplied with Forms PTO-1449 and copies of the cited non U.S. patent documents, filed March 17, 2004 and November 8, 2004. In the European Examination Report, issued June 2, 2006 (Document II), three documents are cited: 1) US 6,013,478, 2) WO 95/23813, 3) WO 01/32844. Documents 1-3 are made of record in the instant application in Information Disclosure Statements, supplied with Forms PTO-1449 and copies of the cited non U.S. patent documents, filed November 8, 2004 and January 20, 2005.

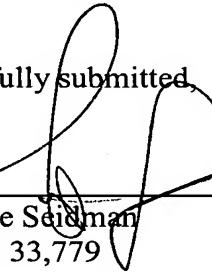
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